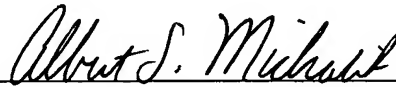


**REMARKS**

Entry of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested to correct a typographical error. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this Preliminary Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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